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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

THE SPRING MEETINGS

here were eight of them within a nth. They were of unusually high er. Each Association made wise of their local talent and each one favored with one or more outside akers. Dr. McCall attended two, ramento Valley at Reno and San quin at First Church, Fresno, de- ting our far flung lines with his luence. Dr. Hawkins attended the oma Association at Cloverdale, tivating that group with his vigor- challenge to the church to "Dare at Things." We were also blessed h the presence of Dr Edward B. kell of Bulgaria, who won friends the American Board and generous porters for his Folk School at the Association held in Olivet at Oak- l, Upper Bay Association at Bay nt, Central at Ripon and Santa ra at Sunnyvale. Dr. Hodgdon ke at the Bay Association and Cen- to the great delight of those who rd. Naturally the Superintendent at all these meetings and. found ch to cheer his heart and give en- ragement for the task. In addition hese the Superintendent addressed Young Peoples' Conference of our man churches at their meeting in ger. He had a cordial welcome and elightful time. The weather was d, the interest above normal and prospects were promising.

A CONGRESS OF MISSIONS

he Regional Committee of Pacific st Congregationalism will hold its great meeting under the merger, Portland, Ore., September 18, 19 20. The first draft of the program just come to the office and shows speakers Dr. Ozora Davis, Dr. kwell H. Potter, Mrs. Lydia Lord is, Rev. Frank Laubach of the ippine Islands, Dr. Robert Brown, H. F. Swartz, Dr. G. F. Kenngott, G. C. Clarke, Dr. L. W. Fifield, Dr. . Merrill, who is active in the pro- ion of it, and Dr. William J. Min- , the President of the Regional mittee and presiding officer.

Ve wish to get as large a delegation ossible from the Northern Confer- e and would like to suggest to gregational traveling men that plan their routes so that they take in one or more of these tful days. We trust that others plan to attend this Congress, get- up a few auto loads for the occa- . Begin your plans early. Advise office if you wish to go. Watch further announcements.

NTH WORLD'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

ere is a rare opportunity to attend orld Convention at little time and ense. It will be held in Los An- s July 11-18 and religious educa- workers are busy getting their gations lined up for attendance. Northern Conference is limited to registered delegates. The registra- fee is $5.00 and blanks may be ined at this office. Many have al- ly gone through the office and e blanks are out that should be rned promptly. It will be impos- e to get into these meetings with- registration and to keep within quota we urge that all those who to attend notify us immediately. eral well-known Congregationalists will be among the speakers, such as Dr. Winchester, Dean Weigle of Yale, Missionaries Eaton and Howland of Mexico, Professor Levonian of Aintab, Turkey, and James Kelley, secretary of the Scottish Sunday School Union. All our applications require the signature of the Conference Superintendent.

CARPET NEEDED

Our Kenwood Church, Rev. W. H. Youngman, pastor, is making repairs on their building and need a new carpet. If some church in its more extensive remodeling has a used carpet that might be cut down, this church would welcome it, providing it is usable. Kindly address Mrs. Frank Morten, Kenwood, Calif., if you have any suggestions as to getting such a carpet.

A MID-YEAR DINNER

The Benicia Church, Rev. Horton Colbert, pastor, had such an enjoyable time at its annual meeting last January that they planned to repeat the experience with a mid-year dinner that they might hear reports and go over their affairs. This meeting will be held Friday evening, June 15. The Superintendent has been asked to be the speaker of the occasion.

CHANGED SCHEDULES

Fresno First, under Dr. Giffen's leadership, plans a 7:30 Sunday morning service during the hot months. Benicia plans to hold its service at 9 a. m. Dr. Breed of Petaluma starts Sunday with a 7 a. m. service with an option of attending this or the 11 o'clock services. He offers no other alternatives.

EDITH SANDERSON EN ROUTE

Just as we were going to press Mrs. Ferrier sends us some most interesting clippings concernings Miss Sanderson. We regret that we cannot include more but we delight in giving you one of the more interesting paragraphs:

"This morning twelve grimly smiling, tear choking-back women and girls (servants of the school, two faithful pupils and two remaining American teachers) waved goodbye to Miss Sanderson and Miss Woods as their train swept around the curve toward Mudania, Brousa's seaport. Soon they will be on the boat for Constantinople and in another two days, on the boat for Venice. After visiting several Italian cities, Miss Sanderson is to spend a few days in the lovely old castles pictured in 'The Enchanted April,' and then go on to Geneva and England, visiting friends along the way. She reaches America the early part of the summer, and expects to go along west to her home in Oakland, stopping to visit her best friend, Grace Wilson, at Greeley, Colo.

"Miss Woods will go at once to her home in England, planning to return next year if the school opens. She has had a troublesome visit in Turkey, but has played the part of a good sport through it all."

Word comes to the office that Mrs. T. G. Lewis passed away on Memorial Day at her home in Pleasanton. It was just about a year ago that Mr. Lewis went to his reward.

MR. MORRISON RESIGNS

The San Jose News of June 5 carries the headline "Popular Local Minister Will Steer Chest." Mr. Morrison resigns after six and one-half years of service, to take effect September 1. The Chest wins, the Conference loses in this transfer.

PLANS FOR ASILOMAR

We wish to make our annual conferences, August 3-10 at Asilomar, the best on record. The program committees will do their best and do it well. The office and the promotion committee of the Young People's Conference can report progress. Mr. Gemmer of Palo Alto called by phone to say that fifteen young people would come from that church. Dr. Thorp will be there with an adult delegation as well. Other churches are organizing to send some of their young people. Some who have been there are saving their money for the great event.

Last year our daily dining room attendance averaged about 300. The lowest day did not drop below 285. We will have to work hard to surpass that record. One way to surpass it will be for every church to send one or more delegates. Our greatest disappointment last year was in the number of churches that had no representation whatever.

Asilomar offers added attractions this year. Many improvements have been made and are in process. A new auditorium is being built in memory of Mrs. John F. Merrill of First Church, San Francisco. There is also the new swimming pool, named in her honor. Miss Stanton has written us information concerning the pool. We quote from her letter:

"It is our thought at present to try and keep the pool practically free from outsiders every afternoon so that the conference may have entire use of it. This would probably mean from about 2 to 5. They cannot go in any way for an hour after eating and probably they would want to be out by 5 o'clock as it gets cool. In the morning we could admit other guests on the grounds and those in the neighborhood who wish to use it. We are not anticipating much use of it by outsiders as we have no public dressing rooms, so probably only those who live near enough to dress at home will take advantage of it. Of course the guests on the grounds will desire it, but we think this can be arranged between 9 and 12 in the morning."

BENEVOLENCES
January 1 to May 31, 1928

Adin	$ 38.50
Alameda First	150.00
Alturas	25.00
Antioch	54.00
Benicia	25.00
Berkeley First	3,224.57
Berkeley North	640.39
Berkeley Park	54.80
Ceres	245.00
Cloverdale	111.00
Cotati	.....
Crockett	62.50
Eureka	174.00
Fairfax	34.26
Fresno First	352.82
Grass Valley	69.90
Lodi First	535.00
Martinez	53.64
Niles	7.50
Oakland First	2,748.00
Oakland Calvary	80.00
Oakland Fruitvale	51.02
Oakland Plymouth	1,168.21
Oakland Pilgrim	183.29
Oakland Olivet	10.00
Oleander	24.00
Oroville	85.00
Pacific Grove	337.40
Palo Alto	750.00
Paradise	25.00
Petaluma	392.10
Pittsburg	35.26
Porterville	125.00
Redwood City	300.00
Reno, Nev.	148.82
Rio Vista	20.00
Sacramento	163.00
Salida	20.00
San Francisco First	900.00
San Francisco Rich.	21.25
San Jose	443.30
San Leandro	33.71
San Mateo	200.00
Santa Cruz	160.00
Santa Rosa First	183.50
Santa Rosa Todd	3.00
Sebastopol	11.00
Sonoma	57.96
Stockton	550.00
Suisun	75.00
Tulare	50.00
Woodside	67.50
Los Gatos	16.00
Miscellaneous	132.50
Miscellaneous	26.49
1928	15,455.19
1927	16,341.42
Decrease	886.23

RIPON

Arrangements have been completed for the building of an addition to the church and work will begin very soon. The new building will double the capacity of the present structure, and will be thoroughly modern, providing for much needed class rooms and a social parlor.

The Ladies' Aid has completed the payment on the grand piano and are arranging to hold a note-burning ceremony.

The teacher training class, under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. E. L. Spuller, has completed their course and will receive their diplomas soon. The class gave a surprise party in honor of their instructor and presented him with a lawn chair.

ASILOMAR RATES

Tenthouses	$15.75
Tenthouses (encl.)	17.50
Guest Inn	19.25
Lodge and Scripps	22.75 to 29.75

Children under 5—One-half Conference rates.

Children 5-7, incl.—Two-thirds Conference rates.

For less than conference period rates are slightly higher and are computed by the day.

The above rates are per person, for two in a room. Single rooms are slightly higher.

At the Commencement of the Pacific School of Religion held May 3, the Degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Rev. William B. Thorp of Palo Alto. He gave a most brilliant and challenging address on "Rebuilding Our Conception of God." We congratulate Dr. Thorpe on both the address and the honor conferred.

THE ORDINATION STATEMENT OF GEORGE ALBERT POLLARD

Presented to the Santa Clara Association of Congregational Churches, on May 15, 1928

In presenting myself as a candidate for ordination to the ministry in the Congregational church, it is proper that I should give an account of myself to you, in order that you may know the background of the candidate and be better able to judge of his qualifications for an acceptable ministry among you. I present the following statement to that end.

I was born in Buffalo, New York, 38 years ago in a Christian family. Taken early to Sunday school and church, I have grown up under their influence, and at 12 years of age I united with the Prospect Avenue Baptist church in my native city. From my early years I have felt an urge to the gospel ministry which has persisted in spite of several definite attmpts on my part to direct my life into different channels.

Personal Statement

The death of my father when I was but 13 years old, and the fact that there were three other children in the family, complicated matters somewhat in regard to education. Ill health also contributed to delay in my schooling, as well as did some unwise neglect of opportunities. I took my way westward when I was 18 years old, and after various experiences went to preparatory school at the age of 23, having been out of school for seven years. Almost immediately a preaching opportunity opened, which I accepted as a means of support while in school. But while taken in the first place as a tentative arrangement, the work developed into a pastorate which lasted for five years.

I completed the preparatory and then the collegiate course, continuing my pastoral work along with it. Upon graduation I was called to the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Palo Alto, with the understanding that I was to take work in the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School. But the pastoral work soon absorbed all of my time, and the training was again deferred. After a five-year pastorate in Palo Alto I went to Oregon, returning to California a year ago with the purpose of finishing my interrupted school work. Registering at the Pacific School of Religion, I have since pursued my studies there, while at the same time being pastor of the Fellowship church of Los Gatos.

My ordination has been purposely deferred until my educational ideal should be reached. Once or twice I have considered ordination, but other matters have intervened. Thus it has happened that, although I have been in the work of the ministry for more than 15 years, I have never been ordained. It appears to me now, however, and to others as well, that to delay my ordination longer on the ground of incomplete educational equipment would be to press the matter beyond the point of virtue. Inasmuch as I am in actual charge of a congregation as its pastor, I am accepting the advice of friends in this regard and am applying to this Association for ordination. I expect to finish my course in the Pacific School of Religion next year.

A word is no doubt in order as to why I, who have served for 15 years in the Baptist ministry, seek entrance into the Congregational ministry. I have undergone a change in my thinking in the matter of church membership which makes my viewpoint that of the Congregational folk, rather than that of the Baptist. For some time past I have been ready for open church membership, so-called, that is, the reception into full church membership of those who have not been baptized by immersion. And it seems to me to be more honest if, holding an essentially Congregational viewpoint, I identify myself with that body.

I am not a strict denominationalist, but I believe in loyalty to one's church. It makes comparatively little difference, in my judgment, to which church one belongs, but that fact does not diminish responsibility for the church to which he actually does belong. I am prepared, therefore, to give my strength to the interests of the Kingdom of God as they are represented especially by the Congregational church, and hereby pledge to do my best in the interests of that Kingdom and of that Church.

Statement of Views

It is fitting that a candidate for ordination should make known his convictions on various matters. It is with this in mind that the following statement is attempted.

GOD

It might fairly be expected that a minister should believe in God. But in a day when some ministers are giving up their belief in Theism, and using the term "God" to denote either a hazy notion of something definite, or else a very definite notion of something hazy, it is a pertinent question to ask what kind of God one believes in. Modern science is all but agreed that the universe is intelligent. Much of modern science is also finding purpose involved in the processes of nature. Many scientists are therefore frankly saying that science shows us a logos universe, and that nature demands God. The question is whether this God, besides being intelligence and purpose, is also love. He is imminent; is he also transcendent? Can he be thought of in terms of personality? The most serious objection to thinking of him as personality is that this would limit God. But it is my conviction on the one hand that both science and reason demand our having a personal God, and on the other hand that we must get used to the idea of some sort of limitation for him, inasmuch as limitation is involved in any thinking about him whatsoever. But this limitation need be only such as makes the idea of God thinkable. He can be, and no doubt is, far more than we can think about him. But at least our most lofty thought concerning him need not be ruled out of consideration on the ground that it is inadequate or incomplete. Jesus left us the inheritance of a conception of God as our Heavenly Father, and this conception of him has always found ready hospitality in the mind of man. It meets his needs as no other conception of God does. So far as the evidence goes, it fits what we know about this universe more acceptably than any other idea of God. It is warm and human in its quality. Mankind, aside from some speculative minds, will probably always cling to it in affectionate imagination. And I am happy to believe that our rational judgment can approve our affection's choice.

CHRIST

For many reasons our religion is Christo-centric. A minister today must take a definite attitude toward Christ. Our religion was founded by him. It has to do with the things which he believed and taught, and also with him. In a very real sense he is our religion. Perhaps all schools of thought among us would agree that Christ is the supreme revelation of God that has appeared among men. What the meaning is of this fact which underlies his matchless personality, various theories have sought to explain. One thing is clear: The personality of Christ is historical and super-historical as well. He can be dated, but he transcends history; he invades the centuries and pervades the generations. This is a fact which is true in his measure of every great human being that the world has known; but of none is it true in like measure with him. Around this personality which rises above the years gather the faith, the hope and the love of mankind. In him are seen values that are timeless and final. Men have come to associate two names together, "Jesus" and "Christ," and to use them indifferently. The one stands for the historical person, the other for the eternal person; and the two belong together by a compelling judgment. In the man Jesus the Deity came to dwell with men. God became articulate in him. In every soul God seeks to reveal himself, finding a more hospitable reception and a truer revelation in some other than in others. But in Jesus of Nazareth he was intimately entertained and truly revealed. It was the recognition of this that led John to identify Jesus with the Logos, and Paul to think of him in connection with the Cosmic Christ. I am quite ready to speak of the deity of Christ.

Christianity is essentially a loyalty to Christ. It can be a more or less unconscious loyalty to him. Men who have never heard his name can yet make great sacrifices in his spirit, accept the imperative of some solemn duty, receive in the spirit of true brotherhood one of his little ones. But the more conscious our loyalty to him becomes, the greater measure of success will be ours in "attaining unto the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God . . . . unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

MAN

Just as the conception of God is in process of revision in our day, so is the conception of man. The biologist thinks of man as a member of the animal kingdom. He is the last and greatest product of evolution, appearing with powers greater, not only in degree but in kind, than his nearest animal kin. He is Homo Sapiens, the wise animal. The psychologist looks upon man in his mental aspect. He sees a physical structure of nerves, with a large cerebral development, a very complex structure both in brain matter and nerves, and he studies the processes occurring in this system. Man is for the psychologist a bundle of reflexes, emotions, reactions. He is an animal, the principal interest concerning which is his behavior. The philosopher thinks of man as the crown of creation who is in nature, and yet in some sense above nature. He is a person whose prime significance is his being at home in another universe, that of the spirit. The Christian conception of man would take the philosophical conception and develop it. It would identify the spiritual realm with the medium of the Great Spirit—God. It would look on man as the child of God, made in his image, immortal and moral, with responsibility to God his Father. Wm. Newton Clarke says: "Man is no mere animal, but a spiritual being of vast powers, high destinies and incomparable needs, whose life in God is religion." This conception of man I believe; and it is necessary to insist upon it in a day when the cry in many quarters is "back to the animal" for an understanding of the nature of man, for an explanation of his actions, and for an evaluation of his experiences.

Needless to say, Jesus held the view of the high estate and the great worth of man. He recognized man's great sinfulness as being the violation of his own and others' personalities. But he believed firmly in the salvability of man and the worth of all efforts put forward to rescue him to his best self. Spoken of in various terms in the New Testament, such as rebirth, rising from the dead, becoming as little children, reconciliation to God, putting on the new man, etc., this salvation w in its essence a new life through religious experience. And unless are prepared to accept the same hi estimate of, and hopefulness for, m in our day, religion has little meani and churches are an anomaly.

BIBLE

The Bible is the book with which have to do, as ministers and religio people, more significantly than wi any other. From its teachings a records we obtain the source materi for our faith, and the inspiration f our daily living. Much might be sa about our Bible, but it has been sa countless times. The Bible has bee called the "Word of God," and I b lieve that it deserves the title by re son of its outstanding worth to o spiritual lives. I believe it is inspire —not by verbal inspiration, nor in an formal way, but by virtue of its ver greatness. As Willett finely says i his volume, "Our Bible": "In the las issue, one means by its (the Bible's inspiration exactly those marks uniqueness and urgency which it e hibits, and which make it incompa ably greater than any other book i the world." Jesus used his Bible wit great respect, and yet with perfec freedom. Like all things of high valu it can be easily abused. "The lette killeth, but the spirit giveth life." I is our high privilege to study th Bible for its uniqueness and to unfol it for its life-giving spirit.

CHURCH

Lastly, I speak of my conception o the church. "Christ founded a king dom, his disciples a church," it ha been said. The Kingdom of God wa Jesus' ideal for society. I think i meant to him a society of men, irre spective of nationality, which shoul be responsive to the social, ethica and spiritual ideals which he con ceived to be the mind of God fo human society. The church was in his mind, perhaps, as the organization, or rather the organism, through which the kingdom was to come. It was the nucleus of right-minded people through whose lives and activity the leaven of kingdom-mindedness was to spread to all society. Theoretically the two should come to be co-extensive; practically, they probably never will be. Even if they should become so, there will always be a place for the church in the kingdom, it being the medium of religious inspiration and expression, and the conserver of spiritual values. The church touches the entire lives of its constituency. Its minister is charged with responsibility for the development of the lives to whom he ministers. He must build the Kingdom of God within them and contribute to the Kingdom of God through them.

SACRAMENTO

A class of fifty new members was received into the Sacramento church on Sunday, May 6. Of this number twelve were by letter and thirty-eight by confession of faith. Nineteen persons were baptized upon their reception to membership. Of the total class thirty-two were adults and eighteen were young people. This brings the total membership of the Sacramento church to 509.

PERSONALS

Rev. John Phillips passed away at his home in Sebastopol on May 2. Mr. Phillips was in his 92nd year.

Loomis Church has called Rev. Edmund Owens, who has been pastor of our Federated Churches at Crockett for more than four years. Mr. Owens accepts the call, and begins his new pastorate in June.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

INUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH-ERN CALIFORNIA CONGREGA-TIONAL CONFERENCE

The Forty-second Annual Meeting s held in the First Congregational urch of Santa Ana, Monday, May 7, 2 p. m., Rev. John Gardner, the derator, presiding.

The following committees were ap-inted by the Moderator: Resolu-ns—Revs. A. P. Davis, Wm. A. hwimley and Mrs. E. B. Allen; busi-ss—Revs. W. W. Scudder, A. S. Do-t and Mr. C. E. Spaulding; creden-ls—Revs. A. D. Stauffacher and F. Wyatt.

Rev. Robert E. Brown of Oakland oke on "That the Nation May ow," and Rev. Albert Peel, editor the "Congregational Quarterly" of ndon, England, brought greetings m abroad, and spoke on the sub-t which had been assigned to Rev. C. Ide of Redlands, who was unable attend because of illness, "That the orld May Know." This was followed a Memorial Service, as follows:

Rev. Wm. Haresnap by Rev. James Eaton;

Rev. B. F. Hewlett by Rev. Luther eeman;

Rev. Ignacio Lopez by Rev. Luther eeman;

Rev. W. C. Merritt by Rev. William wing;

Rev. James H. McLaren by Rev. W. Hopkins;

Rev. Franklin C. Neitz by Rev. Geo. Kenngott;

Rev. Anson M. Robbins by Rev. Geo. Kenngott;

Rev. Theodore Schauer by Rev. hn Gardner;

Rev. Charles Shatto by Rev. Charles Knight;

Rev. H. T. Staats by Rev. J. J. nes;

Rev. Geo. J. Webster by Rev. H. B. owbray;

Rev. W. C. Wilcox by Rev. T. L. rer.

The Vesper Service at 5 o'clock was nducted by Rev. Perry F. Schrock, th sermon by Rev. E. E. Day, on he Christian Motive." Revs. H. L. yt and W. W. Scudder conducted e Communion Service. A banquet s held at the Ebell Club house at o'clock; Rev. John Gardner presided the after-dinner addresses. The ening session opened at 7:45. Rev. hn Gardner gave a remarkable ad-ess, which, by request, will be print-in the forthcoming Conference Min-es. Rev. Chas. F. Aked gave an dress on "The Panama Canal ilders: An Appeal to the Heroic."

Conference business was held on esday morning at which time the orts from the officers and com-ttees of the Conference were pre-nted. At 11 o'clock the matter of transfer of responsibility from the erican Board to the Conference of rk on the West Coast of Mexico s discussed. The Conference voted 147 to 34 to approve the agreement, ich follows herewith:

. West Coast of Mexico. Copy of reement entered into by Prudential mmittee of the American Board and committee appointed by the Board Directors of the Southern Califor-Congregational Conference with hority to enter into such an agree-nt.

. The Southern California Confer-ce hereunder assumes all responsi-ty for the conduct of the present erican Board work in Mexico ex-pting the Union work in Mexico y, but including the churches.

. The work thus maintained and ected, together with the Union work der the direct care of the American ard, shall be the sum total of the American Board work in Mexico.

3. The American Board will make the same appropriation as it and the Woman's Boards have made on the average for the last three years for this work in Mexico, provided that any decrease or increase in the total receipts of the American Board shall proportionately decrease or increase the Southern California Conference appropriation.

4. The Southern California Congregational Conference will endeavor to increase its gifts to the American Board as much as possible, and that one-half of the increase above the average of the last three years to the American Board and the Woman's Boards shall be made an additional appropriation to this (west coast) Mexican work. It is expected that there will be additional gifts from churches and individuals for the enlarged work in Mexico. The other fifty per cent of increased gifts above the average of the last three years will go for the work of the Board elsewhere.

5. All present missionaries of the American Board may continue under the new management.

6. New permanent appointees to Mexico selected and appointed by the Southern California Conference may be commissioned by the American Board provided their papers are satisfactory to the Board.

7. The Prudential Committee may appoint three persons to co-operate with the Southern California Conference in the conduct of the work.

8. The American Board and the Southern California Conference shall mutually work out an arrangement that shall protect the standing and pension rights of the present missionaries under their services with the A. B. C. F. M.

9. The American Board shall include reports of and information about the Mexican work among its published literature as work of the American Board carried on through the Southern California Conference.

10. If this agreement is ratified by the A. B. C. F. M. and the Southern California Conference it shall become operative and go into effect on July 1, 1928.

The following memorandum reported by the Committee on the West Coast of Mexico to the Conference Directors, was adopted with only two dissenting votes:

6. West Coast of Mexico: The following memorandum was reported by the Committee to the Conference Directors and approved by them:

"Memorandum of proposed organization for conduct of the West Coast of Mexico work of the Conference.

"This work shall be in charge of a committee of seven persons elected by the directors of the Conference on nominations to be made as follows:

"Two on nomination of the A. B. C. F. M.

"Two by the workers in the schools and missions of the West Coast.

"Three to be selected by the Board of Directors of the Conference from residents within the limits of the Conference.

"The term of office for such members shall be for seven years. Immediately after their election the members of the first committee shall draw lots to determine the length of their term of office; one to be for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, one for five years, one for six years and one for seven years. After this, one member is to be elected each year for a term of seven years. The thought of this plan is that it shall give continuity of service and make available experience and information acquired by long contact with the work and its needs.

"This committee shall have general oversight and control of this work, including such matters as personnel and salaries of workers and care of all properties involved.

"They shall present to the Board of Directors annually a budget for the ensuing year. It is understood that none of the ordinary income of the Conference shall be diverted from its present uses and that its funds are to be provided from the annual appropriation of the American Board for this purpose and by special gifts from the interested churches and individuals.

"Under no circumstances is this committee to incur expense or liabilities in this budget beyond the assured annual income out of which such budget is to be met. This committee shall make to the Board of Directors quarterly detailed reports of their work. All the accounts connected with the work are to be audited annually by some certified public accountant.

"The Conference Board of Directors itself is to be kept in the closest practical touch with the work and its conduct, the idea being that the Conference Board shall administer this work through a committee set up and provided herein."

The four associations held meetings at 1:30 to 2:30 p. m. At the business meeting of the Conference on Tuesday afternoon the following recommendations of the Board of Directors were adopted.

Apportionment: Apportionment for 1929, $150,000.00, with percentage divided as follows: State, 50%; national, 20%; international, 30%. Conference Directors are authorized to make apportionment for churches which do not report to the Conference as of May 1, 1921. Pacific School of Religion was endorsed as being a designated part of the apportionment for Foundation for Education.

Expenses of Pastors Attending Annual Meeting: It was voted that the Conference pay the expenses of pastors attending annual meeting of the Conference at Santa Ana in excess of $5.00 to pastors receiving less than $1800.00 and house, or $2500.00 without parsonage, on presentation of bills.

Conference Minutes: Voted—That we authorize the printing of the Conference Minutes immediately after the Conference at Santa Ana.

The Conference voted to approve the following as recommended by the Business Committee regarding the Forward Movement Campaign and the establishment of the Foundation:

Declaration of Principles for the Establishment of a Southern California Congregational Conference Foundation Fund.

Whereas, on account of the rapid growth of many communities in Southern California there is an increasing demand for new churches and for the enlargement of existing churches; and

Whereas, to aid said churches in financing their building operations it is deemed expedient and advisable that this Conference establish and maintain a special fund limited to such purpose;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved:

That there be and hereby is created and established a special fund to be hereafter known as the Southern California Congregational Conference Foundation, the purposes of which shall be and are hereby declared to be to aid and assist member churches of this Conference in building operations, consisting of the erection of new buildings, the repair, alteration or enlargement of old buildings, the financing or refinancing of said work, the purchase of necessary real estate, and the financing or refinancing of loans, debts and encumbrances connected with such building or purchase or incidental thereto.

That the Board of Directors be and it hereby is authorized and directed to plan and execute a campaign along such lines as may to it seem best for the purpose of raising a sum of $100,000.00 or more, at such times and over such periods and in such amounts as they may desire, and they are authorized to advance from the funds of this Conference for such purpose such moneys for expense as may be required, such advance to be repaid from the foundation provided that no more than 10% of amount paid is to be so used.

That the administration of said fund shall be and hereby is vested in a commission to be known as the Foundation Commission, consisting of five members of churches of this Conference, at least three Associations being represented, to be selected and appointed by this Conference in annual meeting assembled, said commission to consist of persons chosen from business callings and professions best suited to qualify them for the particular requirements of their duties hereinafter set forth. The term of office of the first commissioners selected shall be for one, two, three, four and five years, respectively. Upon the expiration of the term of office for which such first commissioners are selected, the Conference shall elect and appoint successors whose term of office shall be for five years. Vacancies in office caused by the death, resignation, inability or refusal of commissioners to act shall be filled by the remaining members of the commission for the unexpired portion of the year remaining until the annual meeting of the Conference, at which time the Conference shall fill such vacancies for the unexpired term of the commissioner or commissioners whose office is vacant.

That a majority of such commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and that said commission shall make its own rules and regulations, fix its time and place for meeting, elect its own officers, and, subject to the supervision of the Board, govern its own procedure so as to best carry out its powers and duties herein provided.

That the powers and duties of said commission are as follows:

To loan the moneys of said fund to churches for the purposes herein provided, only upon written application in the form approved by the Board of Directors.

To make said loans only upon the valid obligation of applicant to repay same, secured by a mortgage or deed of trust upon the buildings and property of said applicant church in such amounts only as shall be justified upon a fair appraisal of the market value of such security and only to meet the reasonable requirements of such applicant.

To fix the terms of said loan including the rate of interest, to pass on and approve the form of all documents, to investigate titles and make regulations as to title requirements on the part of applicants, and

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to appraise all securities offered; provided, however, that at all times said commission shall provide rates of interest and make appraisals upon a basis which shall be generous to applicant churches.

That the Board of Directors shall deposit all moneys donated to or received in or in connection with said fund in a separate bank account, to be disbursed by the proper officers of said Board upon recommendation of said commission, and that all moneys received as interest and otherwise through the operation of said fund shall be deposited in said fund and become part thereof; provided, however, that should said fund or the obligations and securities taken thereunder be depleted through losses or otherwise so that in the judgment of said commission said funds and loans made thereunder shall be reasonably worth less than 90% of the principal sum paid in, then no further loan shall be made from said fund until by subscription, campaign, donation or otherwise said fund shall be replenished; and provided further, that the establishment of this fund shall supersede all former campaigns or campaigns now in progress to raise money for such purpose, and all funds heretofore raised for such purpose shall be deposited in and be used in said Foundation.

That the Board of Directors shall receive applications from churches for loans from said fund upon forms to be approved by said Board, whereupon said Board shall at its first monthly meeting after the receipt of said application pass upon the same and if, in the judgment of the Board, a loan should be made, said Board shall make recommendation to the Commission to that effect.

That the Board of Directors shall have and is hereby given authority to sell and dispose of all fixed assets accumulated or acquired through the operation of said fund at such prices and upon such terms as may in its judgment be for the best interests of this Conference and the purposes of said fund.

Respectfully submitted,
By the Committee from the Conference Directors,
CHARLES E. SPAULDING, Chm.,
BLAKE FRANKLIN,
H. B. MOWBRAY,
MRS. G. H. SCHULTE,
DELE A. SCHARITZER.

And the following committee was chosen: Mrs. H. S. Edwards, five years; Mr. A. J. Crookshank, four years; Mr. C. E. Spaulding, three years; Mr. Blake Franklin, two years; Mr. George H. Stone, one year.

Rev. Perry F. Schrock was elected Moderator for the ensuing year. Herewith follows a list of the officers as elected:

President and Moderator—Rev. Perry F. Schrock.

Vice-president and Assistant Moderator—Rev. J. H. Hutchins.

Registrar and Statistical Secretary—Rev. George F. Kenngott.

Secretary and Scribe—Rev. Samuel Hitchcock.

Assistant Secretary and Scribe—Rev. F. O. Wyatt.

Treasurer and Financial Secretary—Mr. Fred M. Wilcox.

Preacher—President J. A. Blaisdell.

A list of Directors with residence and term expiration follows:

Mrs. E. B. Allen, Pasadena, 1931.
Rev. H. K. Booth, Long Beach, 1931.
Rev. Holland F. Burr, South Pasadena, 1931.
Rev. A. S. Donat, Bakersfield, 1931.
Rev. H. V. Hartshorn, Highland, 1931.
Mrs. James H. Lash, Los Angeles, 1931.
Mrs. W. H. Porterfield (in place of Mrs. C. E. Arbogast, resigned), San Diego, 1931.
Miss Gertrude Reid, Alta Loma, 1931.
Mrs. James Wallace, Los Angeles, 1931.
Judge R. D. Brown, Los Angeles, 1930.
Mr. W. G. Farndale, Arlington, 1930.
Mr. Blake Franklin, Glendale, 1930.
Rev. E. D. Gaylord, Los Angeles, 1930.
Mr. W. S. Grandy, Bakersfield, 1930.
Rev. H. B. Mowbray, San Bernardino, 1930.
Rev. Stephen A. Norton, Claremont, 1930.
Rev. Perry F. Schrock, Santa Ana, 1930.
Mr. Fred M. Wilcox (in place of Mr. Elmer Henderson, resigned) Lamanda Park, 1930.
Mrs. Frederick Doolittle, Hollywood, 1929.
Mr. Arthur M. Dole, Pomona, 1929.
Rev. Wm. Forshaw, San Diego, 1929.
Rev. W. H. Hopkins, Los Angeles, 1929.
Rev. James H. Hutchins, Pasadena, 1929.
Mrs. C. E. Richards, Los Angeles, 1929.
Mrs. G. H. Schulte, Glendale, 1929.
Mr. C. E. Spaulding, Los Angeles, 1929.
Mrs. Lawrence A. Wilson, San Diego, 1929.

Committees

Committee on Education (1931)—Rev. Wellington G. Pierce, Long Beach; Mrs. Leon C. Brockway, Pasadena; Mrs. W. H. Porterfield, San Diego.

(1930)—Rev. E. D. Gaylord, Rev. Luther Freeman, Rev. Paul Davies.

(1929)—Rev. Raymond C. Brooks, Rev. H. C. Ide, Mrs. Lawrence Wilson.

Program Committee—Rev. Perry F. Schrock, Moderator (1 year); Rev. Daniel F. Fox(pastor of entertaining church (1 year); Rev. Anton M. Hanson (3 years); Rev. Edw. D. Gaylord (2 years); Rev. Ernest E. Day (1 year).

Nominating Committee—Mrs. Frederick Doolittle, Rev. H. V. Hartshorn, Rev. Charles L. Knight.

Delegates to National Council—Rev. Perry F. Schrock, 1929; Rev. Roy H. Campbell, 1931; Mrs. Edwin S. Hill, 1931; Rev. James H. Lash, 1933.

Brief addresses were given on the following:

Pilgrim Place, Claremont, by Rev. A. P. Davis.

Pacific Broadcasting Federation, by Gross W. Alexander.

Anti-saloon League, by Rev. Leslie Briggs.

Near East Relief, by George Miller.

Lord's Day Alliance, by Rev. W. W. Casselberry.

Rev. E. D. Gaylord conducted the discussion at 4 p. m. on Religious Education, with brief addresses by the following: Rev. W. G. Pierce, on Organization; Rev. Holland F. Burr, Personnel; Rev. A. O. Pritchard, Curriculum, and Rev. J. R. Lyon, College Group.

Just as the Conference was about to take recess at the close of the Tuesday afternoon session, it was voted that the findings of the Wilshire Boulevard Church Council be placed before the Conference. Referred to the Business Committee who recommended that the findings be read by the Moderator.

On Tuesday evening the Moderator, Rev. John Gardner, introduced President Cass A. Reed of the International College of Smyrna, who spoke on "Missions in a Changing World." Rev. Robert E. Brown of Oakland spoke on "Faith in a Changing World."

On Wednesday morning, after a brief service of worship, led by Rev. A. S. Donat, the Assistant Moderator was called to the chair and the Moderator made a brief statement of his understanding of the Wilshire Boulevard problem. Moved that the recommendation of the Wilshire Boulevard Council be, and hereby are, the recommendations of this Conference. This motion was seconded. It was voted that Mr. Wm. R. Elam be substituted for Mrs. Frank Dyer as delegate for Wilshire Boulevard Church. Voted that Mr. H. S. Laughlin be substituted for Mrs. Pearl Bowser as delegate from Wilshire Boulevard Church.

Rev. W. W. Scudder presented the following amendment: "Having had presented to it the recommendation of the Council recently called to advise the Wilshire Boulevard Congregational Church regarding the settlement of its difficulties, and having listened to the statements of those involved in the matter, The Southern California Congregational Conference hereby expresses its approval of the findings of that Council and earnestly urges all the members of that church to concur in that decision by placing 'both service and property' entirely in their hands. To leave the Conference free to use every possible means of reconciliation and reorganization, it is the judgment of the Conference that the present pastorates should immediately be terminated and all the officers resign, and trust the leadership of the Conference in the solution of these problems."

This amendment was seconded. Voted: That a time limit of four minutes be imposed on each person speaking on the motion and amendments. Mr. W. R. Elam protested that he could not present the church minutes regarding the matter in less than ten minutes. Motion was made to reconsider time limit and carried. The time limit was then rescinded. Voted: That Mr. Wm. R. Elam and Mr. H. S. Laughlin be each given ten minutes and all following speakers limited to four minutes each. Mr. Elam and Mr. Laughlin each used the time allowed. Mr. Dell A. Schweitzer and Mr. W. F. Fliedner spoke on the amendment. Rev. Frank Dyer proposed an amendment to the amendment asking that a committee of five be appointed by the Conference to cooperate with the Wilshire Boulevard Church in its campaign to raise $50,000.00 before June 1. The proposal was seconded and discussed by Revs. Frank Dyer, W. W. Scudder, Mr. Fred M. Wilcox and Rev. Cass A. Reed. The amendment to the amendment was lost. The first amendment was voted with only six dissenting votes. The original motion as amended was passed with only two dissenting votes.

At 10:30 a. m. the order of the day was resumed. "Our Common Task" was discussed by Rev. C. C. Hung, who spoke on "Orientals"; Rev. H. V. Hartshorne on "The Teaching Function of the Church"; Rev. Kenneth S. Beam on "A Community Church" and Rev. J. T. Munton on "The Larger Parish."

The Moderator then introduced Rev. Jas. L. Gordon who spoke on "A Pulpit Without the Church," and Rev. Henry K. Booth, who spoke on "A Pulpit in the Church."

It was voted that in view of the excellent service over a period of twenty years of Mr. F. M. Wilcox as Treasurer of the Conference, a resolution of appreciation be prepared and filed with the other resolutions by the Resolutions Committee.

Voted: That the Superintendent should suggest each year that the Nominating Committee select at least two names for each vacancy unless otherwise provided in the Constitution.

Voted: That the Conference express appreciation of the excellent services of the Moderator, Rev. John Gardner, in many meetings throughout the year. Appreciation was attested by the entire conference standing.

Attention was called by Rev. Robert Brown of Oakland to the Methodist General Conference meeting at that time and its consideration of a proposal of organized union between M. E. Church North and South, Presbyterian Church North and South, Congregational Churches and any other denominations desiring such a union. It was voted that the Resolutions Committee draw a suitable resolution that this Conference views with sympathetic interest any action for union that may be taken by the Methodist General Conference.

The Moderator then closed the Conference with prayer.

MEXICAN FRIENDSHIP SCHOOL BAG PROJECT

Sponsored by the Committee of World Friendship among Children of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. The Conference Directors approved this project and have instructed me to stress the importance of participation of our churches in this project and to advise them of the fact that a quantity of school bags are available at the First Congregational Church, 841 South Hope street, Los Angeles; Mr. James Wallace, Secretary.

TRIBUTE

The Congregational Women's Missionary Society of Southern California has suffered a great loss this year in the passing of three of its officers.

For more than twenty years—first as secretary, then as president, and in these later years as president emeritus—Mrs. George Robertson has served the organized work of the missionary women of Southern California with unfailing ability and loyalty, bringing to all the problems and changes a wide intelligence, practical good sense and a co-operative spirit that made her a fine leader and comrade. We shall miss her gracious personality and wise counsel.

Mrs. Edward Crumley, for thirteen years one of our secretaries, a woman of rare ability and of gallant and radiant spirit, has entered into the experience of the new life. It is hard for us to realize that upon this side we shall look no more upon her face, so beautiful and serene, a face that reflected a spirit able to rise above burdens and perplexities and the severest physical suffering.

We pay heartfelt tribute to the loving and loyal service of Miss Susanna Allen, for many years our auditor. The going of a woman of such fine and willing spirit is a great loss to the Board.

We deeply appreciate the beauty of character and the faithfulness of these three women, and our privilege in having been associated with them. "Thou hast given us a heritage of those who love Thy name."